

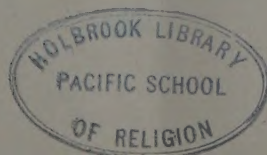
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The Editorial Outlook

HOW MUCH RELIGIOUS FREEDOM?

ON November 1, according to dispatches from Czechoslovakia, new laws impose a full control of the state over religion in that country. One measure makes all clergymen virtually civil servants. They are paid by the state. Their appointment is subject to veto by the state. A second measure establishes a new cabinet to supervise church affairs. All financial and administrative interests of religious institutions are under state control.

Here is a flagrant denial of religious freedom by a Communist-controlled state, the latest and one of the most extreme illustrations of a practice that has become sadly familiar in the totalitarian world.

Attention has also been directed recently to another type of denial of religious freedom. On October 29, *Information Service*, of the Federal Council's Department of Research and Education published a carefully documented survey of "Religious Liberty in Franco Spain." Most of the material is derived either from Roman Catholic sources or from foreign press correspondents. The picture which emerges shows such aspects as these:

Non-Catholics are permitted only the "private practice of their worship." Their chapels must not display any exterior evidence of being places of worship; bulletin boards, for example, are not allowed.

Several Protestant chapels in the provinces have been closed, as a result of a strict interpretation of the law. British Foreign Minister Bevin said in a House of Commons speech last April that for more than a year he had been trying to secure the reopening of seven British chapels.

Evangelistic activities are forbidden to non-Catholics. It is not even permitted to publish or to import the Bible in any Protestant version.

Protestant schools are not allowed and all children attending the established schools must receive Catholic instruction.

Here is a flagrant denial of religious freedom by a church-controlled state.

The defense of full religious freedom is one of the great problems of today. Probably it is the most crucial aspect of the whole issue of freedom in the modern world. It is necessary for all who cherish the ideal of freedom in any realm to unite in defending religious freedom. But a church which insists on a policy of religious uniformity within an area which it dominates and which therefore denies equal opportunity to dissenters will be (as H. G. Wood, the English Quaker, puts it) "like a boxer with one hand tied behind his back."

It is at this point that the Reformation principle of the "right of private judgment" becomes important. It is easy to caricature it as leading to hopeless confusion and even social anarchy. But it is necessary to any adequate doctrine of religious freedom. If the principle of absolute authority is valid, it is difficult to find firm ground for opposing repressions against minorities. But the Protestant holds that every individual who has come to know and love Christ may, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, learn the Word of God for himself. The consequence of this doctrine for our conception of toleration and religious liberty is momentous. It undermines the whole idea of using political pressure in the interest of religious conformity whether in Czechoslovakia or Spain.

LAYMEN BEAR THEIR WITNESS

TWO events of the last month afforded convincing evidence of the new place that the lay members are taking in the life of the Church. One was the observance of "Laymen's Sunday" on October 16. The other was the participation of four lay Christians of national distinction in

the radio program that launched the United Evangelistic Advance on October 2.

"Laymen's Sunday" received far wider recognition than in any previous year. Moreover, what the laymen did was not limited to a formal share in Sunday morning worship. In many cases they bore thoughtful testimony to the ways in which they were trying to translate Christianity into terms of their daily activities.

The radio audience that tuned in for the programs initiating the United Evangelistic Advance heard four voices that must have surprised the more conventional listener. One of them was the world-famous producer of entertaining films, Walt Disney. Another was the popular figure in sports, Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, whose team was winning the championship of the National League at the very hour he spoke. Still another was Judge Florence Allen, the distinguished jurist—the only woman to preside over a federal court. The fourth was the governor of a great state, Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota. In varying notes they all stressed their conviction of the need for a revival of Christian faith and life.

Mr. Disney spoke simply of what his Christian background had meant to him. "From my youth," he said, "I have known and remembered the warm, comfortable feeling of neighborliness which found its finest expression in the church. There I was grounded in old-fashioned religious observances. Since then I have tried to follow the Christian precepts in my personal, home and professional life." He held that "in these days when demoralizing and unchristian elements are threatening the world, it is imperative that Christians marshal their forces as never before." He found special reassurance in the fact that the United Evangelistic Advance "brings so many denominations into one concerted effort."

Mr. Rickey stressed the need for action by the laity. One of his memorable paragraphs was as follows:

"Every member of every church has a responsibility for the advancement of Christianity. I feel very strongly that all religion does not happen in the church building. It is true that the church is the accepted place for general worship but the real benefits must extend beyond the church doors. And this extension process is not mainly a job for the

minister in the church but for the layman, for every man who is a member of the church."

Judge Allen spoke along a different line, recording her conviction that only "an upsurge of Christian faith" can save mankind from ruin. She said:

"As we look out into the world which is fraught with so many tensions balancing uneasily in the peace which is actually called the 'cold war,' we realize that only one mighty force can change the drift toward a new 'Dark Ages,'—an upsurge of Christian faith, vital and actually applied, in every kind of situation personally, nationally and internationally."

Governor Youngdahl called attention to the signs of a "tragic weakening of our national foundations,"—the breakdown in family life, juvenile delinquency, mounting divorces. He warned against our preoccupation with physical power and monetary success. He then declared:

"Our nation, by contrast, was founded to a large extent by a people who placed these objects of our attention in a secondary position. Wealth was a tool, God came first and material possessions were to be used in His stewardship. Christianity was a way of life that demanded complete service and dedication of self. Religious faith has guided our nation through many stormy days. We must rely on Christianity to sustain us now in the most crucial test of all, for no scientific discovery or increased material resources can make good the spiritual deficit which endangers man in this age."

Such lay testimony has an influence in many quarters, surpassing anything which the clergy men or the theologians may say. Their words are likely to be discounted as the utterance of "professionals." We do well to remind ourselves that when Christianity began it was not a ministerial movement. All of our Lord's first disciples were laymen. It was their witness that perpetuated His influence and carried on His work in the first century. The Reformation of the sixteenth century tried to recover the original note when it affirmed the "priesthood" of all believers. Perhaps it is for the twentieth century to give the fullest demonstration of its significance.

The Southeast's Challenging Task

CHURCHMEN FROM TEN STATES WILL CONSIDER IT AT ATLANTA, DEC. 6-8

FACING the challenging theme "Protestantism Accepts Its Task in the Southeast" clergy and lay leaders of the churches in the ten-state area stretching from Virginia to Florida will gather in Atlanta in December for their second convocation. More than 1,000 men and women are expected to attend the church gathering which will open Dec. 6 with a regular business meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches. The second Southeastern Inter-Church Convocation will open with an evening meeting December 6 and continue through December 8.

The convocation, held in response to demands from those who attended the first convocation in Atlanta, January, 1948, is being arranged by the 50-member Southeastern Advisory Committee. Its personnel includes representatives of the churches and four interdenominational bodies, the International Council of Religious Education, the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council of North America and the United Stewardship Council.

As stated by Dr. Forrest C. Weir, executive secretary of the Southeastern Inter-Council Office the convocation "gives wistful expression to the emerging sense of Protestant oneness and registers the new consciousness of a common destiny for our denominations."

The call for the convocation has gone out to church leaders in Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee.

Delegates were pro-rated on the basis of one delegate for each 2,000 members resident in the area served by the Southeastern Inter-Council Office, to be divided so that fifty per cent represent conferences, synods, conventions and the like, and including clergymen, lay men, lay women and youth

and 50 per cent come from departments of Christian education, missions, and Christian stewardship. Councils of churches, ministerial associations, YMCA, YWCA, colleges and theological seminaries were also asked to send delegates and to have all departments represented.

The call described a four-fold purpose, as follows:

1. To provide an occasion for spiritual fellowship and for the cultivation of common aims and understanding among the leaders and people of our several denominations.

2. To provide for the region as a whole a dramatic witness to the essential oneness of Protestant forces.

3. To offer an opportunity for a realistic appraisal and commitment to the accomplishment of our combined task in this region.

4. To offer to our sponsoring national councils a summary of the special needs for which they can offer us resources and guidance.

Both the Federal Council and the convocation will meet in St. Mark Methodist Church.

Hon. Leighton Stuart, Ambassador of the United States to China, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council, and Dr. J. H. Hutchison Cockburn, former moderator of the Church of Scotland, will be speakers at the public sessions of the convocation. They will devote themselves to positive aspects of our united witness which speak with special relevance to the needs and moods of modern times.

In general sessions on Wednesday, Dr. Weir will discuss "The Task as Seen at Close Range"; Dean Luther A. Weigle, former dean of the Yale Divinity School and one-time president of the Federal Council "Accepting Our Task in Christian Education"; and Mrs. Douglas Horton, vice president of the Federal Council, and former presi-

dent of Wellesley College "The Task Confronting Christian Youth."

The convocation will break up into seven sections, in the morning and afternoon on Wednesday, to afford greater opportunity for extended discussion of special aspects of the Convocation theme. Reports from these sections will be acted upon by a general session of the Convocation on Thursday, the closing day.

The seminar sections, which will have three hours to inquire into special subjects with the assistance of many specialists, are as follows:

1. **THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE**—to provide an understanding of the Advance, its purposes, message, procedures and especially how local communities may give expression to it.

2. **THE COMMUNITY APPROACH TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—with attention focused on the community influences that in turn become an individual's educators, and how churches may work together as a fellowship in employing their educational processes for the Christianization of community forces.

3. **OUR MINISTRY TO YOUTH**—will concern itself with the local United Christian Youth Movement, a field visitation in Christian social relations, leadership of youth work and campus religious life.

4. **CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**—to interpret stewardship as inclusive in the whole of life and to seek ways by which the churches may unitedly initiate and demonstrate the practice of Christian stewardship.

5. **CHURCH PLANNING AND ADJUSTMENT**—to seek an understanding of the community aspects of church extension, ways of determining the total religious needs and to describe instruments through which the churches may complement each other in their efforts so as to avoid both overlooking and overlapping.

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Evangelistic Advance Gets Underway

"OUR SHIPMATES FOR CHRIST" IS SLOGAN ABOARD CARRIER



Religious News Service Photo

THE RELIGIOUS pulse of many cities and towns quickened last month. With a great outpouring of Christians in thousands of churches on World Communion Day, the program to win "America for Christ" got underway. Millions of radio listeners heard outstanding Americans—Walt Disney, Judge Florence Allen, Governor Luther Youngdahl and Branch Rickey join with Dr. Ralph Sockman and Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell in calling for a great spiritual revival as the great need of America and the world.

In New England the great Methodist evangelist Dr. Stanley Jones called men to Christ, while other preachers helped launch missions in other cities throughout the country. In Malden, Mass., laymen of twelve churches participated in a program of visitation evangelism, carrying their personal witness to scores of homes in the community. In four nights they reported 170 decisions for Christ. A University Christian Mission was held on the campus of Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, September 25. It was the first of 35 in 22 states that will be held in 1949-1950.

At sea, as well as on land, ministers participated in the United Evangelistic Advance. Chaplain Merle N. Young of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, mammoth carrier, reported that he had adopted "Our Shipmates for Christ" as the slogan for a period of evangelistic emphasis that will continue until Christmas. At the first service on Sunday, October 2, he reported that "three of our men expressed their desire to confess Christ and be baptized."

Philadelphia Baptists carried the United Evangelistic Advance's message to the heart of the business district. With the City Hall in the background Dr. Luther W. Smith, executive secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, delivered a sidewalk sermon during the noon hour.

"OUR EMPHASIS, we believe, will be sane," he added "but spiritually deep, with the aim of showing that life committed to Christ is alone satisfying, worthwhile and fruitful in the good of others."

The intensification of Christian effort in behalf of a spiritual revival was reflected in the widespread observance of Reformation Day.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, secretary of the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism said that as a result of the Advance more cities had reported plans for united services than ever before. In New York, Washington, Kansas City, St. Louis and many others the churches cancelled their evening services to share in one great meeting. Gowned processions of clergy opened the services in several cities, and in Washington the flags of all the nations represented by churches in the World Council of Churches were in the procession.

From various sources the following additional reports on the Evangelistic Advance were culled:

Sunday Schools Participate

Recently the ministers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, held an all-day meeting to launch the United Evangelistic Advance. Over 200 were present in the East End Christian Church. The morning speakers were Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Syracuse, N. Y., and Rev. Jesse M. Bader, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches. The afternoon program was a symposium on Evangelism, when five denominational leaders gave messages. Later, the denominations met separately to confer on how each one could fit its program into the program of the Advance. One of the most challenging goals was accepted by Allegheny county's 1,000 Sunday schools. They will each try to enroll one new member each week for the 15 months of the Advance. This would add 65,000 new Sunday school pupils.

Green will Preach

The ministers of Washington, D. C., met in a retreat at Holiday House near Mt. Vernon, on September 26 and discussed plans for a Preaching Mission beginning October 29, 1950. The speakers included Rev. Clarence W.

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Neill, assistant bishop of Canterbury and associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches told 500 ministers of greater New York of the world's need for Christ at a convocation called to discuss plans for the Advance. Left to right, seated: Dr. Jesse M. Bader, Federal Council of Churches; Bishop Neill, Clifford W. Pettit, executive secretary of the Protestant Council of the City of New York; standing Dr. Allen E. Claxton, president, Manhattan Division, Protestant Council; Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen, Princeton, chairman of the national Advance committee and Dr. John Paul Jones, president, Brooklyn Division, Protestant Council.



Brooklyn Eagle Photo

Cranford, Rev. Leland W. F. Stark, Rev. George Schnabel, and Rev. Stanley Lowell. The retreat chaplains were: L. Ralph Tabor and Edward L. R. Elson. Rev. Bryan Green of Birmingham, England, will hold a Mission in Washington, November 13-20, under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral. During the week he will preach each noon in the downtown Church of the Epiphany under the auspices of the Federation of Churches.

Plan Visitation Program

The Protestant Council of the City of New York held a ministers' Convocation on September 27 at the Hanson Place Methodist Church in Brooklyn with more than 500 ministers present. The out of town speakers were Rev. E. G. Homrighausen, of

Princeton, N. J., Chairman of the United Evangelistic Advance, and Bishop Stephen Neill of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland. One of the items in the evangelistic program of the Advance for all the Protestant Churches of Greater New York is a Visitation Evangelism Program to be conducted March 12-16, 1950.

Chicago Ministers Meet

In Chicago on September 26, the ministers of the city came together in the Temple Methodist Church. The speaker was Rev. E. G. Homrighausen of Princeton, N. J. One of the items in the Chicago United Evangelistic Advance is the holding of a Preaching Mission, October 29-November 3, 1950. (Continued on Page 30)

"A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

DETROIT COUNCIL'S CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL NOW A TRADITION

THREE thousand voices, blending together like the notes of a great pipe organ as they sing the familiar words of "O Come All Ye Faithful" and other imperishable carols, will herald the arrival of the Christmas season in Detroit on the first Sunday in December.

The occasion is the Christmas Carol Festival held in the vast auditorium of the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Held annually since 1937, the Festival has become a tradition in Michigan's great industrial center. As the *Detroit Free Press* commented last year "Christmas came early at the Metropolitan Methodist Church." The first Festival was actually held in November—Sunday the 29th—and since that time on the first Sunday in December. Now the Festival is regarded by Detroit's 604 Protestant and Orthodox churches as the start of the Yuletide season.

The Festival was started by the Detroit Council of Churches as part of its program to create new interest in congregational singing and to foster fellowship among the choirs of the city, besides raising the standards of church music. It succeeded beyond its fondest dreams. From the start the idea took hold and down through the years the auditorium has overflowed with young and old eager to raise their voices joyously in hymns that have been sung by countless generations of Christians in the Yule season.

THREE THOUSAND people fill the auditorium but actually there is no audience. In the hand of each person is a hymnal and each is a participant in the Festival. Among them are hundreds of trained voices. Last year massed choirs from 60 churches participated under the direction of Prof. Howard Tallman of Wayne University, music director of Faith Lutheran Church. Central Methodist Church provided the soloist—Miss Rose Derdian, winner of the 1947-49 La Scala



Massed choir from many Detroit churches join annually in Detroit Council's Carol Festival.

Opera award. A popular interpretation of Christmas carols as a portrayal of the birth of Christ in song was given by Dr. Nellie Huger Ebersole.

It was Mrs. Ebersole, then Nellie Huger, who set in motion a train of events that led to the Carol Festival.

With Mrs. Allen B. Crow she called on the executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches to plead for the organization of church musicians. A dozen or more outstanding musicians were consulted and all agreed that such an organization would fill a great need.

The Guild of Church Musicians was organized October 19, 1937 "to stimulate interest in raising the standard of church music." As the Detroit Council's department of music the Guild under Dr. Ebersole's direction has been hard at work. In addition to the Festival it has sponsored monthly events consisting of clinics, conferences on all phases of church music, junior and youth choir festivals, concerts by visiting choirs and leadership training institutes.

THROUGH THE Guild, musicians are furnished for all of the Council's city-wide meetings such as the Protestant Reformation Festival, the seven Good Friday theater meetings and other general mass services that mark the religious calendar.

For the past eight years Dr. Ebersole, respected not only as a competent musician but a dedicated Christian leader, has directed the music for the "Little Church of the Air," a weekly worship service sponsored by the Council. It is estimated that the program has a regular audience of 200,000.

The music activities are a unique part of an extensive program of the Detroit Council of Churches, self-described as "six hundred churches demonstrating Christian unity."

OTHER ASPECTS of its program especially noteworthy are a Chaplaincy Council which coordinates the Protestant chaplaincy ministry to 40

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Atomic Center Has Unique Church for Unique Community

JUST as atomic power is the challenging new field today, so the closely guarded communities where atomic research is carried on present a challenge to church life. On the lofty mesa in New Mexico where the research project, Los Alamos, has sprung up, a new departure in church life is making history.

The people of the community are drawn from all parts of the nation. Among them are top-flight scientists and technicians, maintenance men and office workers. Some 12,000 people live within this enclosure where no outsiders are admitted without special permission.

The atmosphere of Los Alamos is vibrant and electric, full of tremendous activity and drive. A visitor feels the sense of uncertainty and apprehension.

This unusual community has an unusual church. The actual building is an army chapel, with an additional building for church activities. Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic congregations use this one chapel.

The Protestant congregation, called the United Church of Los Alamos, is a cosmopolitan ecumenical church of about 525 members, in which Episcopalians, Quakers, Presbyterians, Methodists and representatives of 14 other denominations find a satisfactory spiritual home and a channel for Christian expression. The pastor is Rev. A. W. Sangrey, a former army chaplain. Founded in 1947, the Church had until recently 250 members.

Last fall the United Church conducted a highly successful Visitation Evangelism Campaign. Rev. H. H. McConnell of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council, spoke to the workers at the Launching Meeting and Rev. Lloyd E. House of Pueblo, Colorado, served as Director during the week of the Campaign.

Ninety-five teams working over the period of five days made 380 calls on 600 people. A total of 216 members were added to the fellowship of the Church. Of these, thirty-six came in confession or reaffirmation of faith, the remainder by transfer of membership, representing twelve major communions: Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Christians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Interdenominational or Community Churches and Quakers. Of those transfer-



The Rev. A. W. Sangrey, pastor of The United Church of Los Alamos.



An Army chapel houses the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish congregations of the atomic research community at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

ring memberships, thirty of the forty-eight states are represented.

Mr. Sangrey describes the Campaign as the greatest single, positive effort of this church up to this time, by far the biggest part of the job being the task

REPUBLISH BOOKLET

FOR NEW PROTESTANTS

A second printing of a pamphlet "When You Come Over, a Primer for New Protestants" is off the press and is available at 15 cents a copy from the Federal Council of Churches. Written by Prof. John W. Brush of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary the pamphlet was published last year in response to many requests for educational material to put into the hands of persons coming into Protestant churches from the Roman Catholic church. The views expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the positions of the Federal Council or of any one of its constituent churches. It may be helpful not only to new members of Protestant churches but also to others who desire a brief exposition of the general characteristics of Protestantism.

of assimilating these new members into the Fellowship of the Church.

The progress of this church will be observed with keen interest by everyone interested in the ecumenical movement.

Cocoli--A Story of Christian Cooperation

WHOLE TOWN HELPS CONVERT DRAB ROOM INTO SANCTUARY

COCOLI UNION CHURCH was but a few months old. It was the seventh venture of interdenominational approach to the local church problem in the Panama Canal Zone, and its few staunch advocates were highly enthusiastic over its opportunities to serve the community in a significant manner. The second floor of a large ell-shaped building had been made available for the church's use. A few chairs and tables had been acquired; some used hymnals were on hand, given by another church; and a minister had just arrived from the States to serve here and in Gamboa, some 17 miles distant. The building adapted itself well to church needs, one wing serving as Sunday School classrooms and social hall and the other wing being ideal for a small sanctuary.

But how could people find God there! The "sanctuary" possessed none of the qualities desirable in a church building: it was drab and barn-like, not at all conducive to worship. The church members, representing nearly a dozen denominational backgrounds, knew they would be unable to attract many friends for their venture unless they could beautify the sanctuary, making it a place that looked "like church."

Minister and members sat down together to plan. They decided that a center of worship would have to be designed, guided by two principles: it must satisfy the needs of the several religious heritages, and it must be inexpensive and movable (since the building belongs to the Panama Canal). A detailed plan was formulated and committees appointed. On a given Sunday the building fairly bulged with people of the community, eager to share in a service of dedication. Here is what they saw:

One end of the room was blocked off and curtained off from wall to wall and ceiling to floor with dark green burlap. Ladies of the church had bought 115 yards of cloth and made the curtains themselves. A platform



A copy of Hoffman's Christ in Gethsemane, painted by a devout Roman Catholic, dominates the Cocoli Union Church in the Panama Canal Zone which Rev. Raymond A. Gray serves as pastor. Many people of many denominational backgrounds turned a drab room into a sanctuary.

ten inches high and twelve feet deep was placed across the full width of the room, on which the semi-chancel was arranged. In the center, at ceiling height, was a beautiful oil painting five feet square, framed in a heavy mahogany box-type frame. The picture, a copy of Hoffman's "Christ in Gethsemane," had been painted by a retired canal employee.

The artist was a Roman Catholic who had no room in his mind for narrow prejudice against those whose religious belief differed with his. He seemed to feel honored to dedicate what became his final work to the little church. He died the week before the picture was unveiled. The picture frame was made from a cherished piece of Philippine mahogany, which one of the members had been saving for "just the right thing." Below the picture was a mahogany altar. It is collapsible, having been obtained through the courtesy of a naval chaplain whose wartime submarine equipment was being discarded.

Etched brass vases, given by a member, held white carnations flown in from Colombia. Matching candlesticks on the altar were given by another member. A temporary gilded cross was used, since the heavy brass cross being fashioned by a craftsman in a local metalshop was not completed. The pulpit, placed to the left, also is collapsible, having come from the same submarine. The lectern was built locally to balance the other appointments. Small palms, dug from the heavy jungle growth, completed the setting. There was music, a responsive litany of dedication, and a timely sermon—"Where, All Alone, He Prayed"—by the pastor.

With the work done by men of the congregation, the total cost to the church was slightly more than \$200. The church's worshippers now feel each week that they have been in the House of the Lord. This simple, yet dignified, center of worship appears to meet the needs of men and women of the diverse faiths represented in a Union Church.

Said the Pastor, Rev. Raymond A. Gray, "This project is but one more evidence that Christians are essentially one in their ability and eagerness to work, fellowship and worship together as disciples of their common Lord."

Religious Journalism Course To Aid Foreign Missions Work

ESTABLISHMENT of the first graduate courses in religious journalism in America was announced this month by Syracuse University. They were planned at the request of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Dealing with a wide variety of subjects in the field of news writing, magazine editing, graphic arts, and pictorial journalism, the courses are designed to train young men and women for work overseas on Evangelical Christian magazines, books, and pamphlets.

The curricula, effective this fall, were planned by Dean M. Lyle Spencer in cooperation with the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, of which Dr. Alfred Moore is executive secretary. The Committee which sponsors Dr. Frank C. Laubach, well-known missionary educator, urged establishment of such courses to aid in its world-wide drive against illiteracy.

Dr. Roland E. Wolseley, Professor of Journalism, will be in charge of the curriculum. The course to be offered will lead to a Master's degree in two years. Fourteen of the School of Journalism's regular full-time faculty will teach in the new department.

Neither of the two curricula requires any previous training or experience in journalism. Students sponsored by the Foreign Missions Conference, are to be released from the normal Master's thesis to do research in the literatures or publishing problems of the area to which they may be going or are returning.

"It is believed," Dean Spencer says, "that those who complete either of the areas of concentration may become valuable aids to the conference in its efforts to provide men, women and children in less privileged countries with literature on all age and interest levels that will carry with it the spirit of Christian idealism."

American as well as foreign students are being offered the new religious journalism courses. Americans may complete the requirements for their master's degree in three semesters, provided they have completed certain basic courses, such as news writing,

graphic arts, and magazine production.

Details about the new graduate program may be obtained on request for the special bulletin recently issued by the School of Journalism at Syracuse, N. Y. Requests for this publication as well as the regular bulletin of the School may be addressed to Dean M. Lyle Spencer, School of Journalism, Syracuse University, Syracuse, 10, New York.

ICRE PUBLISHES NEW AUDIO-VISUAL GUIDE

The Audio-Visual Resource Guide just published by the International Council of Religious Education is the first extensive listing of religious educational films, slides and recordings.

More than 1,200 titles are included in the 107 pages. More than 200 of these are evaluated and classified according to objectives.

The Guide was prepared under the supervision of Miss Pearl Rosser and Rev. Donald Lantz of the Department of Visual and Radio Education of the International Council of Religious Education. The evaluations were prepared by 14 ICRE committees consisting of representative Christian educators in major cities.

The price is \$1.50. The Guide may be purchased from denominational offices, councils of churches and the International Council of Religious Education, 206 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 4, Ill.

COUNCIL'S FILM LIBRARY

The Film Library of the Louisville Council of Churches has adopted a standard fee of \$75 a year for all members, effective April 1, 1950. It has regular monthly previews of new films and is planning a demonstration school on the operation and care of projectors. Rev. W. P. Gordon is chairman of the Audio-Visual Committee.

Church and Economic Life Week Observance Jan. 15

WILL EMPHASIZE ACTION BY LOCAL CHURCHES

THE churches are called upon to emphasize the responsibility of Christians in their economic relations and decisions, in observing Church and Economic Life Week, Jan. 15-21, 1950.

Coming only a month ahead of the National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life at Detroit, the significance of this relation is emphasized in the program the churches are urged to adopt by the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the Federal Council of Churches. The program for the second observance of Church and Economic Life Week, under the Department's sponsorship, centers upon action in and through the local churches in separate and joint undertakings.

The purpose is to enlist individuals as members of economic groups, as neighbors in communities, and as citizens of the nation, in bringing economic policies and practices more in keeping with the purpose which God has revealed in Christ for economic life, says a message to the churches from the Department.

Outlining the purpose and program the statement says:

"God has a purpose for all of life. His will, which is to be 'done on earth as it is in heaven,' includes what men do as producers and consumers. This purpose calls for a response in understanding and practice by:

Nations which make up the world's economic life.

Communities, where economic activity takes place in shop and factory, in farm and store, in office and home.

Economic groups—business and labor, investors and consumers, agriculture and professional—through whose cooperation economic life takes form and makes progress.

Each Individual, who, in his capacity as a seller or buyer, as employer or employee, participates in and affects the character of economic relationships and activities."

In outlining what can be done in observance of the week by the family,

the local church, the community, the Department emphasizes that it provides a period of preparation for delegates to the Detroit conference. Local churches and councils of churches are asked to use the Week for study and discussion by delegates and other church people in preparation for the conference.

The Department makes the following suggestions for observance of Church and Economic Life Week:

In the Family

Evaluate our attitudes towards those in economic groups or on income levels other than our own.

Discuss the goals, standards, and motives that we should apply in our choice of an occupation and in our present job.

Use meditations and prayers in connection with family worship that relate to the responsibility of Christians in economic life.

Become informed about an economic situation in the community which is working a hardship on people, such as housing, un- or under-employment, or discrimination, and plan to do something about it as a Christian family.

In the Local Church

Study and appraisal by the official board of the economic practices of the church itself in respect to employment, investments, use of material resources, etc.

A service of worship with appropriate sermon on great Biblical themes such as Matthew 6:10, Matthew 6:24, Psalms 24:1, Matthew 6:11, Matthew 19:19, and Matthew 25:40.

A daily visit by the pastor with at least one layman to discuss the responsibilities and problems of Christians in the economic crisis of today.

A forum or symposium at a regular or special meeting of adult groups with speakers from agriculture, business, consumers, and labor.

A book review together with an exhibit of relevant books and pamphlets.

An Escape from Reality?

Economic life means the current ways of producing and distributing what is essential for living. Unless the churches, and the religion they profess, furnish the standards of value by which that economic life is to be guided and judged, of what use is religion and those churches? Christianity is far more than just a pleasant Sunday escape from reality for all the lifetime between a baptism and a funeral.

But applying Christianity to weekdays cannot be done by wish-thinking or by mere pronouncements. It takes a stimulating and thoughtful process in the congregations themselves, which produces free and open-minded discussion of basic values, and of what they mean when we as Christians try to act on them in the various "pressure groups" of which we are a part.

Church and Economic Life Week tries to bring this lesson home to the laymen and ministers at the grass roots level of church life.—Charles P. Taft, former president of Federal Council.

In the Community

A one-day institute or weekend conference under the sponsorship of the Council of Churches attended by church leaders, particularly laymen, to discuss issues related to economic well-being and cooperation.

Encouragement and assistance through laymen, who themselves are members of these groups, in planning programs on the contribution of religion to economic life in service clubs, civic bodies, and economic organizations.

Encouragement and assistance of local broadcasting stations in providing special radio programs and of newspapers for editorial and other features in keeping with the theme of CHURCH AND ECONOMIC LIFE WEEK.

Special conferences, preferably in cooperation with other religious and civic groups, related to some community need, such as housing or job lay-offs.

Federal Council for First Time Files "Friend of Court" Brief

FOR THE first time in its history the Federal Council of Churches last month made known to the Supreme Court of the United States its views on an issue before the Court. The issue was segregation in education.

In an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief the Federal Council supported the petition of a Texas Negro, Heman Marion Sweatt for a review of the case in which he seeks admission to the University of Texas. It was filed with motion by the Council's counsel, Charles H. Tuttle of New York. It was stated that the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. disassociated itself from the brief by vote of its representatives on the Council's Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, under procedure approved last May, granted a request of the Department of Race Relations for permission to file a brief in the Sweatt case.

At its meeting May 17, the Executive Committee declared it "sees no objection to the procedure of filing an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the Federal Council in cases before the Supreme Court of the United States involving the application of principles to which the Federal Council is officially committed, provided:

1. That a copy of the brief is submitted to the Executive Committee and approved in advance of its presentation to the court.

2. That any church which regards it as inappropriate for a church to submit a brief in connection with judicial processes may be so recorded, if the representatives of that church on the Executive Committee so request.

3. That in any particular case in which it is proposed to submit a brief, any church may be recorded as not joining in the brief, if the representatives of that church on the Executive Committee so request.

The stipulations were made in an effort to safeguard the position of churches which might not agree with majority views. In approving this procedure the Executive Committee had the benefit of a statement describing the nature of an amicus curiae brief and the process of submitting such a brief to the Supreme Court pre-

pared by Ralph Montgomery Arkush, an attorney and member of the Executive Committee. It was prepared at the Executive Committee's request in March.

The brief was confined to supporting Sweatt's request for a writ of certiorari, "in order," said the Federal Council, "that the inherent issue so overshadowing American life be fully discussed, considered and decided in this great tribunal."

It declared that the right to enjoy and exercise the inalienable rights with which every man is endowed by his Creator is not and cannot be confined to physical existence. "Man is not merely body," it added, "He is also and chiefly mind and spirit and the life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."

"Segregation in the matter of a place to live means the ghetto," said the brief; "segregation in matters of the mind and spirit means second class citizenship."

The Supreme Court was advised that the brief was filed because of the Federal Council's, "interest in, and concern with, the legal, ethical and religious principles which, it is respectfully submitted, are challenged by the decisions of the courts below enforcing segregation as a result of the fact of race."

"Those decisions (lower courts) violate, we firmly believe," the brief stated, "the constitutional guarantee of equal protection under law and also the free democratic principles and spiritual ideals which we profess as a nation."

The brief pointed out that the Federal Council has repeatedly declared its own conviction that segregation enforced by law is a denial of the equal protection of the laws, of the dignity and inherent rights of the individual human being, and of the Christian concept of universal brotherhood.

"Such segregation," the Council affirms, "necessarily predicates inferiority rather than equality; divisiveness instead of fellowship; stigma instead of dignity; prejudice and bias instead of mutual respect and good will; pretense and hypocrisy instead of good

faith and sincerity in the social controls of opportunities to achieve an abundant life."

Citing declarations of the Federal Council and the World Council of Churches, opposing the practices of discrimination and segregation, the brief argued, that "segregation, particularly in the matter of educational facilities, is in reality a survival and in its operation a perpetuation, of the caste system."

"It is born," said the brief, "of the concept of racial superiority and of class dominance which has brought incalculable misery to the human race through the ages. Self-preservation, to say nothing of the stability and sincerity of democratic institutions and of the obligations which men of good will profess, requires that this legacy find no shelter or perpetuation under the sanction of our Constitution and within the body of our law."

"We do not believe," the brief continued, "that in the human tempest which has been shaking the world for several decades, our form of government and way of life can permanently endure on the basis of discriminations which constitute a contradiction of our principles by our actions. It is still true that this country cannot exist half slave and half free."

"FRIENDS OF WORLD COUNCIL" SESSION IN NEW YORK DEC. 13

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. Clarence T. Craig, President of Drew Seminary, will be among the speakers at the "Friends of the World Council of Churches" meeting to be held at Calvary House, New York City, on December 13.

Presided over by Charles P. Taft, president of the "Friends of the World Council" and former president of the Federal Council of Churches, the final part of the meeting will be devoted to a floor discussion of the question—What do we expect of our World Council?

Other speakers will be Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, former moderator of the Church of Scotland, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper and Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

Anyone wishing to attend should write or telephone the World Council at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Churchmen and Labor Leaders Get Together

SAID ONE of the churchmen who attended the labor seminar held at St. Paul in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, "This has been a real experience. I have been converted. Let's see what we can do about it in our churches and communities."

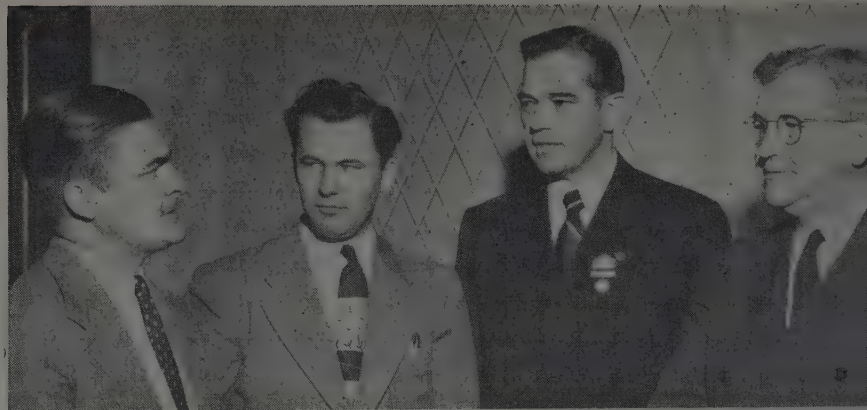
The churchman, with about 35 others from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Iowa and Illinois, had listened to Nelson Cruikshank, a former Methodist minister and now director of social insurance activities of the A.F. of L. The Washington, D. C. labor leader, a member of the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the Federal Council of Churches, spent two hours recounting his experiences in religion and labor and providing a graphic picture of the American Federation of Labor, its structure, operations and objectives.

Mr. Cruikshank was one of several A.F. of L. leaders who in seminar sessions at the YMCA October 6 and 7 helped the churchmen gain a better understanding of the labor movement and particularly the A.F. of L. Sitting around the table, the churchmen and labor leaders considered how the churches and labor unions may cooperate "in building a better world." Each morning the churchmen, by special invitation, attended sessions of the convention and were extended a welcome by President William Green.

The seminar was typical of meetings inaugurated last year by the Department of the Church and Economic Life to develop better understanding and a closer relationship between churchmen and important economic groups.

The next seminar arranged by the Department will be held at Cleveland, October 31-November 1 in conjunction with the convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. In addition to meeting with the labor unions this year meetings will be held with the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Economics Association and the National Council of Farm Cooperatives.

"The value of the seminar can hardly be overestimated," declared Rev.



ST. PAUL SEMINAR LEADERS—(left to right): Rev. Alton M. Motter, executive secretary, St. Paul Council of Churches in charge of local arrangements; Rev. John G. Simmons, seminar chairman; Arnold Zander, Madison, Wisconsin, president of the International Union of State, County, and Municipal Employees and an AFL vice president; Rev. Cameron P. Hall of the Federal Council of Churches which sponsored the seminar.

John G. Simmons, former president of the Minneapolis Church Federation and former minister of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Mr. Simmons, chairman of the St. Paul seminar, said the value of attendance at the convention came not so much from the speeches as the opportunity to see the leadership, to see the varied interests with their exhibits and "to feel the pulse of the A.F. of L. at first hand."

"The discussions," he continued, "which the clergymen and laymen had concerning the motivation of the trade union movement, the searching for the similarities and the differences between membership in the church and in a labor union, were rewarding. The dangers of 'power' came to the front as a danger to all groups—church, management, labor, government."

One of the delegates said he noted the "essentially democratic process" by which labor policy was formed.

Rev. Cameron P. Hall, executive secretary of the Department, said the churchmen were impressed by the "high caliber of leadership."

"I think some church members sometimes have the wrong idea about labor groups because all the information they have comes second-hand."

Church leaders had a two-day opportunity to get first hand information and made the most of it. They talked with leaders like David Dubinsky, David Beck, A. Philip Randolph, William McFettridge and many others. They heard not only Nelson Cruikshank but also Arnold Zander, one of the intellectual leaders of the A.F. of L. and Boris Shishkin, now with the ECA in Europe and a member of the Depart-

ment of the Church and Economic Life. Shishkin, addressing the seminar, said that current trends in Europe prove there can be no true democracy without free trade unions.

"The trade unions form one of communism's great enemies and their dependence is destroyed whenever communism gains control."

U. S. Church Women Aid Clothes Makers

A "Pieces for Peace" campaign being conducted by the United Council of Church Women, culminating in World Community Day, November 1949.

Church women throughout the country are being asked to collect bundles of yard goods, yarn, crochet cotton, trimmings, and sewing material. The bundles will be sent overseas through Church World Service and distributed to women in various countries so that they may make clothing for themselves and their families.

Previous projects of the United Council of Church Women have been collection and shipment overseas of one million diapers, half a million "Kiddie Kits" for children under five and similar quantities of bundles for six-to-twelve-year-olds, and for teenagers.

THE CHURCHES--

Working Together Through The Federal Council



Now in its 41st year, the Federal Council of Churches holds a unique place as the greatest movement of Christian unity in our national life.

The direct creation of the churches themselves, the Federal Council is governed by approximately 400 delegated representatives, all named directly by the constituent denominations. They

comprise a central board of strategy, developing a common mind, planning united policies and providing for concerted action, in biennial meetings. In the interim an Executive Committee, all selected by the churches, supervises the Council's work, meeting bi-monthly.

On this page are pictures of the Executive Committee (above) and a

group of members of the staff. The Executive Committee, which will hold its next session in Atlanta, Ga., December 6, was photographed in session at the Methodist Building, at which the president, Bishop John S. Stamm, presided. The staff (several members were not present) recently held a retreat at the Leonia, N. J., home of Henry Smith Leiper.

Front row, (left to right) Rev. Alfred Dudley Ward, director of studies, Department of the Church and Economic Life; Rev. John Oliver Nelson, secretary, Commission on the Ministry; Rev. Forrest Cleburne Weir, field secretary in charge of Atlanta Office;

Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, associate general secretary, World Council of Churches.

Second row, (left to right) Miss Aenid A. Sanborn, editorial secretary; Rev. J. Quinter Miller, associate general secretary; Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary; Miss Elma L. Greenwood, assistant secretary, Department of the Church and Economic Life; Rev. F. Ernest Johnson, executive secretary, Department of Research and Education.

Back row, (left to right) Donald C. Bolles, director of public relations; Rev. Seward Hiltner, executive secretary, Department of Pastoral Services; Rev. Cameron P. Hall, executive secretary, Department of the Church and Economic Life; Rev. J. Oscar Lee, executive secretary, Department of Race Relations; Rev. L. Foster Wood, secretary, Commission on Marriage and the Home; Rev. Jesse M. Bader, executive secretary, Department of Evangelism; Rev. Richard M. Fagley, executive secretary, Department of International Justice and Goodwill; Rev. H. Paul Douglass, director, Committee for Cooperative Field Research; Rev. Deane Edwards, executive secretary, Commission on Worship; Rev. Beverley M. Boyd, executive secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations; Rev. Walter W. Van Kirk, executive secretary, Department of International Justice and Goodwill.



PASTORAL COUNSELING VIA RADIO—Dr. Lloyd E. Foster, pastor of Old Church, Newark, N. J. (left) and Rev. Thomas J. Bigham, Jr., chairman of the Federal Council's Department of Pastoral Services, participated in "Someone You Know" over ABC in new program on mental health and other problems, sponsored by Protestant Radio Commission.



A RELIGIOUS TELEVISION PROGRAM NOW ON NETWORK

The Protestant Radio Commission's first major effort in the television field was launched October 18, with a new series, "I Believe . . .," telecast on the ABC-TV network. It features round-table discussions by religious leaders on the meaning of religion as it affects everyday living.

Participants in the first program were: Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of applied Christianity, Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president, board of home missions, Congregational Christian Churches and Miss Helen Kenyon, moderator of the general council, Congregational Christian Churches, and former president of Vassar College's board of trustees. They discussed "How Far Should Christianity Make Security the Basic Motive of Life?"

The telecast is at 8 p.m. EST each Tuesday. "In entering the television field," said Everett C. Parker, the Commission's program director, "we are attempting to avoid the mistakes

made 25 years ago when aural broadcasting was virtually ignored as a new medium by many religious leaders. We hope to provide TV religious programs which will compete for listeners on an equal basis with other programs. Religion has a message for the American people and we are convinced they will watch and listen if our programs are produced to meet the needs of a new art form."

"I Believe . . ." is the third new major broadcasting undertaking of the commission since it was organized on January 1 of this year. The Robert Shaw Chorale was presented in a series of Lenten music programs, and "Someone You Know," now heard on ABC, shows the role the minister can play in aiding a family faced by a mental health problem.

Among the speakers who will participate in later programs are: Dr. Theodore Green, professor of philosophy, Yale University; Dr. Henry S. Coffin, president-emeritus, Union Theological Seminary; Wilhelm Pauck,

professor of historical theology, University of Chicago, and Dr. O. Nolde, director of the Commission the Churches on International Affairs, World Council of Churches. Future topics include, "The Responsibility of the Christian in Promoting Security," "What Difference to be a Christian," "Christianity and Human Rights," and "Human Rights in America."

American Broadcasting Company, providing free time and facilities.

Bible Dramatized

A Radio Edition of the Bible has been prepared by the Protestant Radio Commission.

This edition gives the old familiar text of the Bible itself in dramatic form. Erik Barnouw, manager of the Radio Bureau, Columbia University, and president of the Radio Writers Guild, arranged the text. Raymond Johnson, Broadway star, is the chronicler. House Jameson, of "The Aldrich Family," reads the words of the Lord. Raymond Massey plays the role of Job; Anne Seymour, Naomi, etc.

There are 37 fifteen-minute programs available, divided into three series. Series I, for example, includes the following titles: Master of Dreams, Ruler in Egypt, Whither Thou Goes, Prophet of Sinai, In the Beginning, Queen Esther, The Revolt of Absalom, The Flood, In Dust and Ashes, Give Us a King, Solomon the Wise, Prophets of Doom, Blessed Are They.

The Radio Bible has been produced for the use of councils of churches, ministerial associations, councils of religious education and churches in sustaining time granted by local radio stations. There are no advertising "plugs" or doctrinal messages—merely 45 seconds of music at the close of each recording for the insertion of a "live" sponsorship announcement of the organization sponsoring the program.

The only fee is a handling charge of \$15 for each series (\$45 for the three series of 37 programs) to cover cost of packing and shipping. The transcripts may be kept and used on the air as often as desired.

In addition to these transcription records there are also RCA-Victor phonograph records of some of the programs in Victor Album No. DG32—"The Bible Speaks." The cost is nominal.

Write to the Protestant Radio Commission, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Churches Aid Migrants' Fight for Equal Rights

THE CHURCHES' help in securing a better social and economic opportunity for the nation's 1,500,000 migrant agricultural workers and their families was strongly urged at a national conference on "The Church and Migratory Labor" in Chicago last month.

Sponsored by the Home Missions Council of North America, the conference was attended by more than a hundred church and mission leaders and representatives of government and private agencies across the country who are concerned with the problems of this dispossessed and exploited group.

Summing up their findings on the sporadic employment, poor housing, lack of social welfare protection and educational facilities, of the men, women and children who help harvest the nation's crops, delegates asked that the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights be made applicable to migrant workers.

They called upon the churches to help win for these people favorable working conditions, protection against unemployment and an adequate standard of living.

In one controversial action, the conference recommended that the states make available to the migrants the same health and welfare services, education and minimum housing standards that are available to their own residents.

Recent action by which New York and New Jersey have made such services available, it was reported, has resulted in great improvement in conditions of the migrants and their families. In most communities, however, as non-residents, they are still ineligible for welfare benefits.

A meeting with Federal immigration officials was proposed by the conference at which might be worked out "a procedure that is fairer to the American citizen."

One vital factor in improving housing for workers in the fields in recent years was the model labor camps established by the Farm Security Administration. Since the war these camps have gradually been liquidated or turned over to farmers or other agencies. The 56 camps still in the hands of the federal government are earmarked by Congress for final liquidation by June 30, 1950.

Conference delegates, strongly supported by State Senator Harry E. Drobish, of California, recommended that these camps remain under the control of a public agency. To avoid centralized control and to insure local support, it was advocated that the camps be administered by a local housing authority.

In another action, the conference asked the Home Missions Council to arrange meetings with representatives of agriculture and community groups with a view to working out long-range plans for the permanent settlement of migrants and development of year-round employment opportunities for them.

So the Church can play a more vital role in helping the disinherited agricultural workers who are so necessary to the nation's agricultural economy, the conference also promised to establish "adequate opportunities for seminary and college students, church youth and other persons, to meet the migrant, know his problems and our program in his behalf."

Emphasizing that the Church's motivation in this work is "in Christ and concerned as He is that His Spirit be applied to the whole of the agricultural community," the conference pledged to present the Gospel "by work and action to farm owners and workers and the community alike" until "Christian principles govern all agricultural life as it relates to the migrant and his problems."

CHURCHES WARNED OF HIGH COST OF TV

Dr. D. F. Feddersen, of Northwestern University School of Speech, warns that the heavy costs of running television stations may rule out many religious television programs.

Speaking at the Sixth Workshop in Audio-Visual Education, convened at Green Lake, Wis., by the International Council of Religious Education August 29-September 5, he said:

"Although TV stations must offer public service programs, they will be reluctant to give as much time to churches as have radio stations because of the need to maintain high advertising income. Much of the present willingness of TV stations to allow time for religious programs is due to the fact that the stations are thereby

Redouble Effort in CARE Soap Campaign

Member groups of CWS participating in the CARE soap campaign have renewed their efforts to get much-needed soap overseas to children, orphanages and hospitals in war-torn areas. The drive has been extended four months to December 31.

Baptist and Northern Presbyterian women have been especially active. Baptist women have conducted a telephone campaign and brought their soap wrappers to meetings devoted largely to reports of progress. Presbyterian women used their synod meetings for distributing campaign material. The editor of *Presbyterian Life*, J. M. Harding, issued an action letter to members of the Northern Presbyterian Council and women church leaders, accompanied by a reprint of a message from Lever Brothers which is co-operating with CARE and church agencies.

The Episcopalian and Methodist groups have given publicity and editorial support and the YMCA and the United Christian Youth Movement have endorsed the campaign officially.

At a recent ceremony in Boston, CARE turned over eight tons of soap to representatives of Church World Service for distribution abroad.

PRODUCE NEW FILM

THE PROTESTANT Film Commission's third production, "Prejudice," was launched October 17 in more than 100 cities in the United States and Canada as well as in London. It has the distinction of being the first motion picture produced in this country under exclusively religious auspices to achieve commercial theatrical distribution.

City and state councils of churches will sponsor the premiere in many cities. Motion Picture Sales Corp., is distributing the picture to theatres and Religious Film Association, 45 Astor Place, New York 3, N. Y., to non-commercial outlets. The film is available in 35mm size for theatres and 16mm for churches, schools, factories, civic and fraternal organizations, labor unions, clubs and similar groups.

The Protestant Film Commission, Paul F. Heard, executive secretary, is supported by 19 major denominations and 12 interdenominational agencies. Its two previous productions are "Beyond Our Own" and "My Name is Han."

able to have public service programs with church groups paying the production costs."

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Radio Programs for Month of November

SUNDAYS—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, "National Radio Pulpit" WNBC and Network—10:00-10:30 A.M. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, "National Vespers" WJZ and Network—1:30-2:00 P.M. "Radio Chapel" Dr. Alfred Grant Walton WOR (not network) 9:30-10:00 A.M. Nov. 13

MONDAYS—Dr. Arthur Acy Rouner, "Gems for Thought" ABC network 8:45-8:50 A.M. WJZ local 8:55-9:00 A.M. WJZ and Network 11:30-11:35 P.M. Dr. Franklin P. Cole, "Faith in Our Time" 10:15-10:30 A.M. network only (not WOR)

TUESDAYS—Dr. Wendell Phillips, "Gems for Thought" ABC network 8:45-8:50 A.M. WJZ local 8:55-9:00 A.M. WJZ and Network 11:30-11:35 P.M. Dr. Vernon S. Broyles, "Faith in Our Time" 10:15-10:30 A.M. network only (not WOR)

WEDNESDAYS—Dr. Allen E. Claxton, "Gems for Thought" ABC network 8:45-8:50 A.M. WJZ local 8:55-9:00 A.M. WJZ and Network 11:30-11:35 P.M. Dr. F. Howard Callahan, "Faith in Our Time" 10:15-10:30 A.M. network only (not WOR)

THURSDAYS—Dr. Samuel M. Shoemaker, "Gems for Thought" ABC network 8:45-8:50 A.M. WJZ local 8:55-9:00 A.M. WJZ and Network 11:30-11:35 P.M.

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They followed the moving van out of town, the story goes, to new city, a new home, a new position, a new school, new neighbors, a new church. But not right away to a new church, although the father had in his pocket a letter of introduction from his old pastor.

"It seemed too much trouble at first to choose a new church and transfer membership," says the father. They went rather aimlessly to several churches but finally after getting acquainted with the "joys and sorrows" of that lost fellowship in the church back home, they revisited one of the churches. They made up their mind to do something about joining a church

but two weeks went by. Then two members of the church they had visited twice called on them and asked them to join. The Hardestys again became church members. The Hardestys, the folder relates, had signed a card always handed out at the door to newcomers and two members of the visiting committee, calling on the Hardestys, invited them to transfer their membership.

Many communities participating in the United Evangelistic Advance, may find the folder of especial interest, as they carry on their program to reach the unchurched.

Older People Like Friendly Center Club

The "Friendly Center Club," for men and women sixty years of age and over, has been started at Center Church House, Hartford, Connecticut. The club will meet every Friday afternoon from two to four. Its program of recreation and fellowship is sponsored jointly by the Downtown Inter-Church Committee, the Greater Hartford Council of Churches and the Welfare Committee of the Hartford Women's Club. Mrs. Noble Lord, of the Center Church of Hartford, is general chairman.



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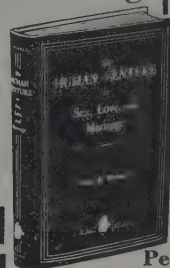
The nineteenth annual observance of Men and Missions Sunday on November 13 will seek to influence laymen to support more generously the missionary work of their communion.

Resident chairmen in thousands of communities invite every pastor in their city to appoint a lay speaker on Christian missions preceding the morning sermon on Sunday, Nov. 13.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ONE STEP NEARER

DR. EARL F. ADAMS has announced that the final preliminary step has been taken in constituting the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Dr. Adams, executive secretary of the Planning Committee headed by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, made the statement following notification that the United Council of Church Women, at its Los Angeles meeting, had approved affiliation with the projected National Council.

Seven of eight interdenominational agencies invited to become constituting bodies of the National Council, Dr. Adams said, now have taken steps that assure their affiliation. The seven are, he said, the Federal Council of Churches, the United Stewardship Council, the National Protestant Council on Higher Education, the International Council of Religious Education, the Home Missions Council of North America and the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada. The eighth is the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

It decided last winter not to affiliate with the National Council.

The constituting convention is set for next year—at Cleveland, Ohio. November 26-December 2, 1950. Dr. Adams said that plans are being made to "make this convention one of the most significant religious gatherings ever held in America."

Under consideration since 1941, the favorable vote by the United Council of Church Women was taken by the National Board to which the decision was delegated by the Council's national assembly.

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Louisville Council Combats Gambling

"Gambling in a Nutshell" has recently been prepared by the Criminal Court Committee of the Louisville Council of Churches.

It is a 48-page leaflet with 21 cartoons designed to create public opinion on the question of gambling. The cartoons are drawn by Orval Austin, institutional chaplain of the council.

For the past six years the Louisville Council has been interested in the problems of law enforcement and crime. First, its Committee on Institutions made a study of the grand jury system and published a manual for grand jurors, then it studied the probation set-up and prepared a manual for voluntary probation workers.

When grand juries refuse to indict gamblers because men on the jury are sympathetic to them, the Committee feels that its next project must be to work on the public opinion which creates this situation. The leaflet is a practical step in this direction.

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A nationwide radio audience heard about the campaign on Sunday, Oct. 30. President Truman broadcast a message from the White House over all four national networks—American, Columbia, Mutual and National—in a 15-minute program at 11:15 p.m. EST. Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric Company and chairman of the lay committee of Religion in American Life, outlined the purpose of the movement and introduced the president.

Earlier in a message to President Truman announcing the campaign which runs through Thanksgiving Day, November 24, Mr. Wilson said:

"As the time approaches when you will call upon the American people to give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon this nation and upon us as individuals, we Americans find new reasons for gratitude to Him.

"In a world sorely troubled by dissensions among men, we still stand a united nation, mighty in our material resources and mightier still in our Faith in One to Whom, since the days of the Pilgrims, our nation has been dedicated.

"With special emphasis on the pre-Thanksgiving Day period of November 1-24, Religion in American Life, a nation-wide inter-faith movement urges all Americans to reaffirm that faith by attending and supporting the churches and synagogues of their choice. Thus Americans may make that faith manifest again to all mankind and, through faith, find themselves."

The national director, Rev. Earle B. Pleasant expressed the hope that Religion in American Life will serve to advance the spiritual revival and bring

new resources to the aid of the churches.

Newspapers, radio, outdoor posters and transportation services across the country will carry the messages calling people to "Come to Church This Week" prepared and distributed by the Advertising Council. Mr. Pleasant reported that the response of local councils of churches and individual parishes to the invitation to participate locally in the movement had far exceeded expectations.

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The Effective City Church

By MURRAY H. LEIFFER. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1949, \$2.75

Churches throughout America are striving for a more effective approach to the modern city and its problems. This becomes particularly crucial for Protestantism as migration from the predominantly Protestant rural hinterland increases the number of potential church members in all classes of cities.

Dr. Leiffer's characterization of this opportunity is cogent and convincing. His sociological insights reveal an intimate and masterly grasp of what cities do to people. An understanding of these patterns of urban growth will help determine the fortunes of the churches whose members' lives are too often surrounded by overcrowding, loneliness and secularism.

"No urban area is static. If it is to be effective the church dare not be

less dynamic than the community itself." Here the reader will find helpful suggestions on how to study community needs, to canvass for new people, to make regular program appraisals, to project budget and financial analyses, and to establish leadership recruitment and training. The marks of an effective downtown "First Church," the residential neighborhood type of church, the church in a stable community, the church in transition, the bilingual church and the church at the growing edge of the city's life are vividly described.

The third section of the book diagnoses the problems of the city church and outlines how a congregation may obtain answers to such questions as: "Are we living up to our opportunities?" "Is our program adequate to the needs of our people?" "Are we developing Christian leaders and giving them opportunity to exercise their skills?"

"Are there neglected groups in the community whom we should serve?" "Can we improve our location or more completely utilize our building?"

One of the most useful and creative portions of the book is the last chapter of this section on "The Program and the Community," where "Elements of the Program," "Criteria for Judging the Program" and "Techniques for Program Analysis" are explained. The official board of every city church will find these suggestions helpful in making for greater effectiveness.

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This is not only a particularly important book in its field, but it is written with an enthusiasm and lucidity which will make it widely enjoyed.

Dr. Noss is Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at Franklin and Marshall College. An ordained minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dr. Noss at one time held a pastorate in that church.

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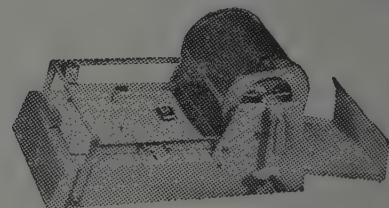
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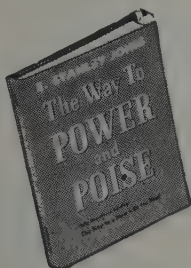
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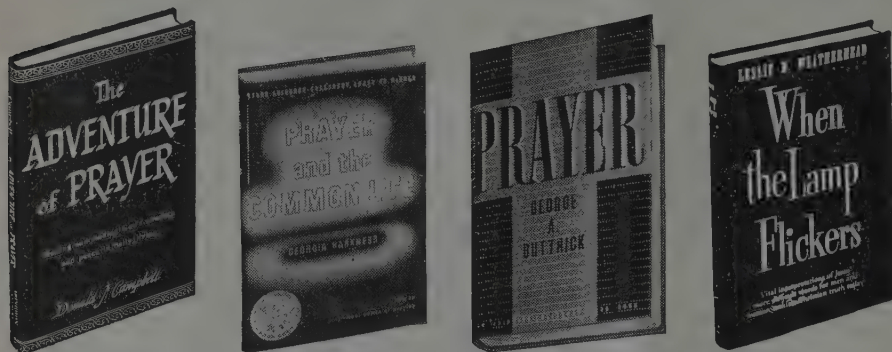
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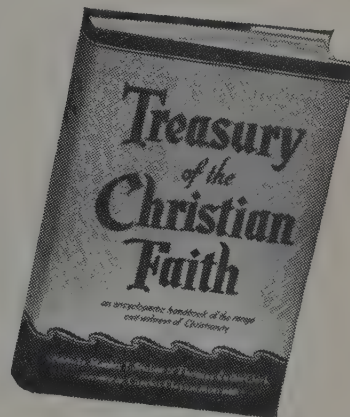
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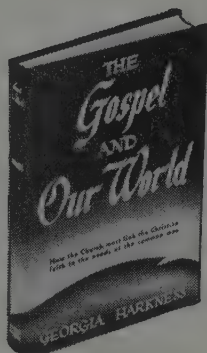
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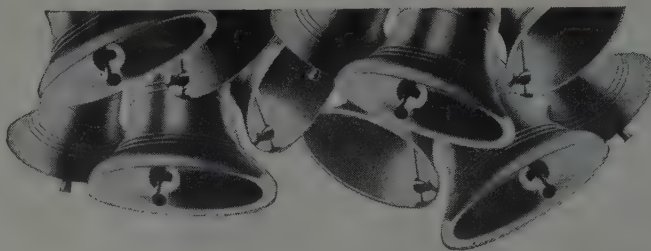
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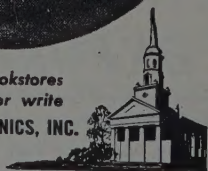
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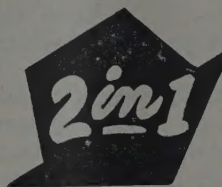
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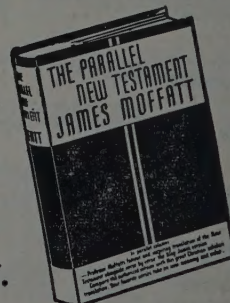
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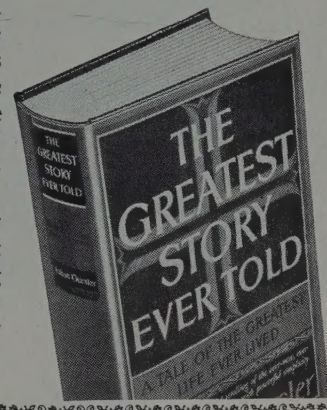
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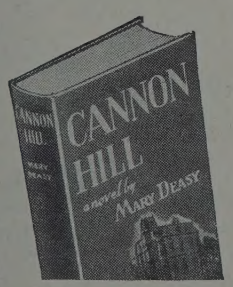
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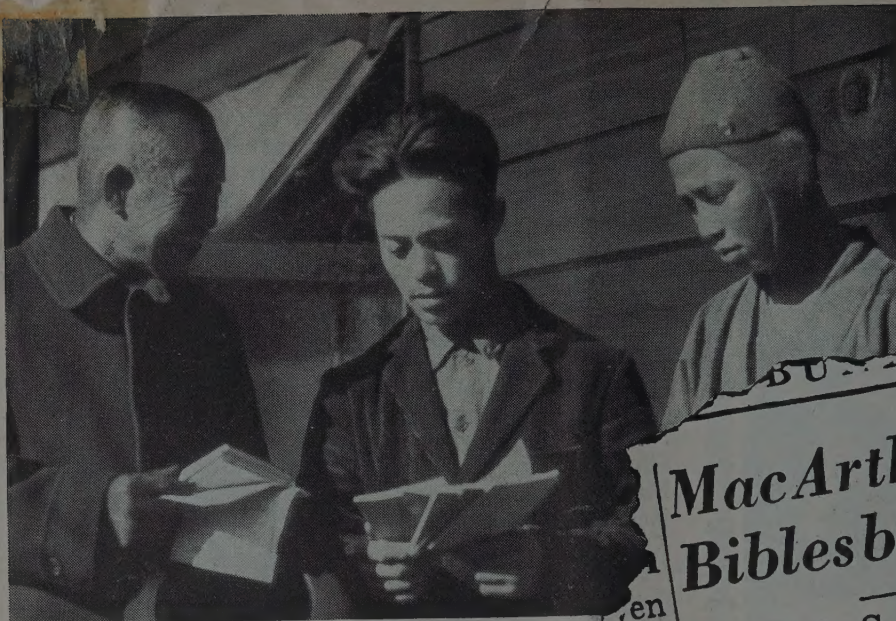
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